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Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 2711

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

Examiner: C. Grant

Thomas Bush

Group Art Unit: 2711

Serial No. 08/982,630

Filed: December 2, 1997

For: DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING REMOTE  
INTERACTIVE RECEIVER

RECEIVED  
MAY 26 2000  
TC 2700 MAIL ROOM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 1999, in connection with the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for a three month extension of time to file this response is enclosed herewith, along with the appropriate extension fee.

Applicant respectfully maintains that the enclosed amendments do not raise additional issues for consideration by the Examiner, as the amendments merely clarify the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the

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